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P R 190825Z APR 75  
FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4879  
AMEMBASSY SAIGON PRIORITY  
INFO JCS WASHDC  
CINCPAC  
CTF 76  
USDAO SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AMER, PINT, US, TW  
SUBJECT: LST'S PARTICIPATING IN VIETNAM EVACUATION

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

1. GENERAL LAI MING-T'ANG, CGS MND, TELEPHONED DCM  
MORNING APRIL 19 TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT WHAT LAI  
DESCRIBED AS "SERIOUSLY DETERIORATING SITUATION IN SAIGON."

2. LAI REMINDED DCM THAT GROC HAD SENT FOUR (4) LST'S  
TO SOUTH VIETNAM "ON USG INITIATIVE" AND THAT HE HOPED  
THAT THE US NAVAL AUTHORITIES UNDER WHOSE COMMAND THESE  
SHIPS HAD BEEN PLACED WOULD "PROVIDE FOR THEIR SAFETY."

3. LAI ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING ROC  
AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON FULLY INFORMED OF USE AND WHEREABOUTS  
OF ROC LST'S, AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPING SECURITY SITUATION.  
HE PLEADED FOR CLOSEST POSSIBLE COORDINATION BETWEEN USG

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OFFICIALS SAIGON AND GROC EMBASSY THERE.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR ON  
RELATED SUBJECT, FORMIN SHEN ALSO MENTIONED CONCERN  
ABOUT GROC SHIPS AND REQUESTED THAT WE URGE EMBASSY  
SAIGON TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ROC AMBASSADOR HSU.

5. DCM ASSURED GENERAL LAI THAT US NAVAL AUTHORITIES  
WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS POSSIBLE WITH  
RESPECT TO CHINESE LST'S AND THAT HE (DCM) WAS CONFIDENT  
THAT US EMBASSY SAIGON WOULD BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE  
TO AMBASSADOR HSU. AMBASSADOR SIMILARLY REASSURED FORMIN  
SHEN. UNGER

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